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SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE CITIZENS FROM SAIGON

1. SEVERAL VIETNAMESE AND FRENCH CITIZENS HAVE APPROACHED EMBASSY REQUESTING U.S. GOVT. ASSISTANCE IN EVACUATING THEIR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS FROM SAIGON.

2. TO DATE, REQUESTS INVOLVING APPROXIMATELY 37 EVACUEES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED; ALL ARE CITIZENS OF VIET NAM. THE PETITIONERS IN PARIS FEAR THEIR RELATIVES WILL SUFFER EITHER IMPRISONMENT OR DEATH AT HANDS OF COMMUNISTS IF AND WHEN CITY FALLS. THEIR FEARS BASED ON POTENTIAL EVACUEES' ASSOCIATION WITH UNITED STATES. SOME REQUESTS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED BY AMCIT RELATIVES OF FAMILY MEMBERS IN SAIGON.

3. A RUMOR HAS BEEN CIRCULATING AMONG VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY IN PARIS INDICATING THAT THOSE WHO MAY BE EVACUATED WITH ASSISTANCE EMBASSY SAIGON WILL REQUIRE NEITHER GVN PASSPORTS NOR EXIT VISAS. IN VIEW OF CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON, THE RIGID POLICY OF REQUIRING BOTH PASSPORTS AND EXIT VISAS MAY BE REPLACED. IN VIEW OF ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND

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ASSISTANCE RECEIVED AT EMBASSY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE

BEING INFORMED ANY CHANGES GVN POLICY RE. EXIT FORMALITIES.

4. IN EACH CASE OF REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, EMBASSY HAS TAKEN VITAL INFORMATION, ALTHOUGH DEGREE OF POTENTIAL EVACUEE'S ASSOCIATION WITH U.S. GOVT. IN VIET NAM IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S URGENT GUIDANCE IN HANDLING SUCH REQUESTS.
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